

Policy Recommendations to Strengthen California Higher Education

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Develop Explicit Goals and Outcomes for California Higher Education

The Legislature should enact an explicit statutory policy that clearly articulates the goals and outcomes it expects of its higher education institutions.

Develop an Accountability Policy for California Higher Education

The Legislature should enact a statutory accountability framework for California higher education that enables policymakers to ascertain the progress of our colleges and universities in meeting the state's goals and outcomes.

Ensure Availability of Higher Education Data

The Legislature should ensure that state policymakers and their advisors have access to the higher education data and information necessary to make sound public policy decisions.

The nexus between the state's future workforce and higher education

The Legislature should identify the future needs of the state's workforce and whether higher education is adequately addressing those needs.

Develop a Plan for Future Graduate Enrollment

The Legislature should enact an explicit statutory policy for adjustments in the number of graduate and professional students enrolled in California's public universities.

Enact a Long-Term Student Fee Policy

The Legislature should enact a long-term policy for future adjustments in student fees. The policy should require future fee increases be gradual, moderate, and predictable.

Enact a Policy for Adjusting the Maximum Cal Grant Award

The Legislature should enact a long-term policy for future adjustments in the maximum Cal Grant award for students attending California's non-public colleges and universities. The policy should treat financially needy students equitably regardless of which institution they attend.

Develop a Comprehensive State Student Financial Aid Policy

The Legislature should enact a comprehensive student financial aid policy. The policy should address the extent to which the state will assist financially needy students in meeting their total cost of college attendance, with the goal of limiting student loan indebtedness .

Develop a Long-Term Plan for Financing California Higher Education

The Legislature should enact a policy framework for financing the future operations of California's public colleges and universities. The framework should examine efficiencies to reduce current operating costs as well as potential future alternative revenue sources.

Assistance in developing the recommended policies

As California's higher education planning and coordinating agency, CPEC stands ready to assist the Legislature in developing and implementing the previously recommended higher education policy changes.